

LAWS AND RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2000

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Kapuaiwa Room
HRH Princess Victoria Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Second Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii

Present: Alfredo Evangelista, Chair
Charles Aki, Member
Michael Ching, Member
Patricia Choi, Member
Mitchell Imanaka, Member
John Ohama, Member
Peter Rice, Member

Calvin Kimura, Supervising Executive Officer
June Kamioka, Program Specialist
Lorene Arata, Acting Real Estate Specialist
Cynthia Yee, Senior Condominium Specialist
Gina Watumull, Condominium Specialist
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General (Late Arrival)
Irene Kotaka, Secretary

Merrily Leong, Hawaii Association of REALTORS

Excused: Iris Okawa, Vice Chair
Casey Choi, Member

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., at which time quorum was established.

Chair's Report: The Chair wished everyone present "Happy Holidays."

SEO's Report: **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ching, seconded by Commissioner Choi, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2000 Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting as circulated.

2001 Real Estate Commissioners' Nonavailability Schedule

The Commissioners were asked to turn in the schedule of nonavailability for January to June 2001 to REB staff by January 3, 2001.

Program of Work, FY01: **Licensing Renewal - Workshop Report**

Specialist Arata summarized her report of the licensing renewal workshops that were held in Honolulu and also on the neighbor islands. It was recommended that future renewal workshops should be held closer to the renewal deadline to maximize attendance.

There were approximately 14,400 renewal applications that we mailed out. At the end of November, approximately 11,000 applications have been turned in. This figure is ahead of previous renewal periods. Overall, the early renewal deadline appears to be a success.

Commissioner Choi reported that she had received comments from licensees that some of the instructors were late in turning in the results from the courses and this resulted in a one-week delay. This was because the licensees had taken the courses at the last minute.

Commissioner Ching stated that the licensees are taking a risk when they take the courses at the last minute.

The SEO reported that one provider has stated that he will hold the courses during December as scheduled, even if there is only one student taking the class.

If the renewal application was received by November 30, 2000 and there are no problems, the licensee should have received their pocket card. If the entity or principal broker has not submitted a complete renewal, the licensees associated with the entity will not receive their pocket cards till a later date.

Neighbor Island Outreach – Maui and Island of Hawaii

The next neighbor island outreach is scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2001, on the island of Maui. The meetings will be held in the Maui Board of REALTORS' Conference Room, located at 441 Ala Makani Place, Kahului, Maui. The meetings will be held as follows:

Laws and Rules Review Committee – 9:00 a.m.

Education Review Committee – 10:00 a.m.

Condominium Review Committee – 11:00 a.m.

Vice Chair Okawa will preside over the Laws and Rules Committee meeting as the Chair will not be able to attend the Committee meeting.

ARELLO, Other Organizations and Jurisdictions:

ARELLO – Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes of ARELLO's October 17, 2000 Business Meeting were distributed to the Commissioners for their information.

Open Forum:

Hawaii Association of REALTORS

Ms. Leong informed the Commissioners that January 11, 2001 would be HAR's legislative day at the Capitol. Members of HAR will be meeting with legislators to discuss issues concerning their organization and the industry. This is the eighth year that they have been participating in this. One area in which they would like to propose amendments is to the seller disclosure law. The SEO asked if the Commission would be able to receive an advanced copy of their proposed amendments.

Ms. Leong also stated that they are trying to require that absentee owners disclose what they know about the property or the neighborhood. They are also asking that the inspection costs be borne by the purchaser and not the seller.

Budget and Finance Report - RERF:

The next report will be discussed at the February 2001 meeting. The Chair requested that Commissioner Rice's concerns regarding the trust funds would be addressed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ching, seconded by Commissioner Ohama, it was voted on and carried to recommend to the full Commission that Commissioner Rice work with REB staff on the budget and finance reports. Commissioner Rice abstained from voting.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 12, 2001
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room
Maui Board of REALTORS
441 Ala Makani Place
Kahului, Maui

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Calvin Kimura
Calvin Kimura

January 12, 2001
Date

[X] Approved as is.

[] Approved with amendments. See minutes of _____ meeting.